

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DATA SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD  
BETWEEN A PLURALITY OF  
INFORMATION APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS  
FOR EXECUTING THE METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING THE METHOD

Examiner: David R. Lazaro

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

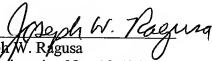
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 22, 2007, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I (claims 1-34) for initial examination on the merits. An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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